

Psywar Scare

The bomber, who identifies himself as "J. Hawker" (the Jayhawkers of the 1860s were an anti-slave guerilla group operating in Kansas during the Civil War), has provided the next scare rumor by daring the government with: "We doubt that you have the authority or even the means of closing the roads within walking distance of all your power lines to any or all innocent sightseers or hunters." It is no coincidence that the crack 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Benning, Georgia, who are trained in "Domestic Control" counterinsurgency operations, have been stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington to oversee the training of the Ninth Division of the Sixth Army.

This latest episode in terror is not new to the working class of the Northwest. Earlier this summer the Special Forces unit of the Green Berets parachuted into the town of McMinnville, Oregon (near Portland) posing as the McMinnville Liberation Army, occupying a radio station and giving orders to the civilian population.

UNITED FRONT ORGANIZING ADVANCES IN EUROPE

ROTTERDAM, Oct. 22 (IPS)--Marcello Zoccali, leader of the Unity for Socialism faction of the Italian Socialist Party (PSI), today exposed to Dutch leftists and journalists the cowardly refusal of the PSI and the Italian Communist Party (PCI) to lift a finger to stop the recent Bellagio, Italy secret conference of Rockefeller's fascist Trilateral Commission. Zoccali, flanked by Ulf Sandmark of the Swedish Social Democratic Labor Party, Karl-Heinz Holz of the West German Social Democratic Party (SPD), and members of the European Labor Committees (ELC), spoke at a press conference called here today to initiate programmatic united front organizing among Dutch socialists and trade unionists.

"The Trilateral Commission is one of Rockefeller's primary organizing tools to crush the world working class in the depression," Zoccali stated, "and they met in Bellagio to plan their next moves--the new oil crisis, the war in the Mideast, and slave labor projects. The ELC and members of the United Front informed the PCI and its daily organ Unita of what was going on and urged them to denounce the Trilateral meeting, but they chose to play the ostrich with a reaction of apparent indifference. The biggest working class machine of the Western world capitulated to the enemy."

Zoccali's attack on the treachery of the PCI leadership came as European public opinion focused increasingly on the activity of the United Front and the European-wide organizing push that Zoccali, Sandmark, Holz and their co-thinkers, along with the ELC, are bringing to the Netherlands after visits to Sweden and Denmark.

Number One Threat to Schmidt

Zoccali and the ELC speakers who followed him pointed to the rapidly precipitating situation in West Germany where SPD leader and Rockefeller ally Helmut Schmidt has clearly recognized the United Front as the number one threat to his criminal policies. Schmidt, speaking in Darmstadt several days ago, defended himself against ELC criticism of his betrayal of Ostpolitik. Schmidt's outburst, together with his proposal to establish incompatibility between the SPD and United Front membership, illustrated the tremendous political influence wielded in the working class by several hundred United Front and ELC members--an influence which now must be consolidated into a powerful international organizing machine.

Interventions into growing mass strike ferment in Turin, Rome, Milan, Bologna, and elsewhere in Italy by the United Front must block the further Chileanization of that country, Zoccali stressed. "The PCI silence on the Bellagio question shows their suicidal passivity and cynicism, their utter incompetence to lead in a moment when the working class requires courageous programmatic leadership to avoid destruction. These suicidal desires of the rightwing PCI Berlinguer-Amendola leadership are contributing to the demoralization of the entire European working class," Zoccali noted, pointing to the pathological role of the PCI spokesman Gian Carlo Pajetta at the recent Warsaw conference of the European Communist Parties. There the PCI and Edward Gierek stifled CP elements calling for a left turn. "This weakens the defense of the Soviet Union at the very moment in which the Rockefeller threat is most severe, as reflected in Nelson Rockefeller's declaration of cold war in San Francisco," Zoccali said. "The United Front will sweep away such bankrupt misleadership and build an international working class mobilization capable of taking power and rebuilding the economy."

The United Front press conference was held at the headquarters of the Rotterdam Independent Trade Union (OVB), an organization of dock, transport, construction, metal, and other workers who have recently used their newspaper Nieuwe Strijd to publish articles on the United Front as the internationalist response to the Rockefeller depression. Zoccali, Sandmark, and ELC representatives will be presenting this programmatic alternative to OVB leaders as well as to Netherlands and Belgian-based spokesmen of FILEF, a federation of Italian emigrant workers in the Benelux region.

Zoccali and Sandmark will be featured speakers at a public meeting to be held here tomorrow night with the co-sponsorship of ERSB, a leftwing student group at the Rotterdam Erasmus University.